

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Each of multifunctional telephones has a common hold button for accepting a hold/hold release instruction of a communication partner (extension) under transfer communication; a central processing equipment controls each part of a private branch exchange so that the transfer communication partner concerned is held in accordance with a hold instruction from a multifunctional telephone under transfer communication; the information of a hold target (extension) is registered into a hold information registration area; in accordance with a hold release instruction from a multifunctional telephone holding a communication partner, the information of the communication partner specified by the instruction is searched from the hold information registration area; and the holding of the communication partner specified by the searched information is released to connect the communication partner to the multifunctional telephone concerned, whereby the communication partner (extension) under transfer communication can be held to communicate with another extension.